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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Again I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether facilities are available in the Government Public Works Department Workshops, Madras, for the manufacture of road-rollers and their parts?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I submit, Sir, that this question does not arise out of the present question."

*Extent of land newly brought under cultivation in the Cauveri-Mettur Project area.*

* 5 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land newly brought under cultivation in faslis 1354 and 1355, in the Cauveri-Mettur Project area in Tanjore district;

(*b*) the amount of subsidy paid in each of those two faslis;

(*c*) the extent of land, for which subsidy has been paid in faslis 1354 and 1355, that has been cultivated in fasli 1356;

(*d*) the amount of water charge realized by the Government in 1356 from these lands, and the extent assessed for water charge;

(*e*) the quantity of paddy procured in that area before 1354 fasli and in faslis 1354, 1355 and 1356; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that a large extent, for which subsidy has been paid, has not been cultivated in 1356 and whether the Government will enquire into the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*f*) The answer[a] is laid on the table of the house."

SRI K. NATARAJAN :—" In view of the answer to clause (*f*) (2) may I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of re-introducing the special staff which has been wound up for persuading the cultivators?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest that a separate question might be put."

SRI K. NATARAJAN :—" Regarding leases mentioned in the answer to clause (*f*) (3) will Government consider the desirability of guaranteeing renewal for some further period or of introducing a more stable tenure?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is a question relating to revenue and I would like to have notice."

*Number of evictions of tenants in the City since October 1946.*

* 6 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of evictions of tenants ordered by the Rent Controllers in Madras City since October 1946 (monthwar);

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(*b*) how many of the above evictions were based on non-payment or non-tender of rent alleged to be due from the tenants;

(*c*) whether the tenants were given an opportunity in the above cases to pay or tender the rent after the case was brought before the Controller; and if not, why not;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that evictions of tenants of houses ordered in 1947 were abnormally high in number compared to any average year before the war;

(*e*) if so, what are the reasons for the abnormality; and

(*f*) whether the Government have any, and, if so, what proposal to give relief to tenants against landlords who evade receiving rents for the purpose of creating a technical 'default' in payment?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—

"(*a*) 1946—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| October .. | 118 | June .. .. | 239 |
| November .. | 290 | July .. .. | 181 |
| December .. | 97 | August .. | 251 |
| 1947— | | September .. | 252 |
| January .. | 94 | October .. | 299 |
| February .. | 51 | November .. | 356 |
| March .. .. | 36 | December (up to 2nd December 1947) .. | 29 |
| April .. .. | 31 | | |
| May .. .. | 56 | | |

(1947—*cont.* in the right-hand columns)

"(*b*) 1946—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| October .. | 62 | June .. .. | 196 |
| November .. | 175 | July .. .. | 106 |
| December .. | 54 | August .. | 209 |
| 1947— | | September .. | 190 |
| January .. | 61 | October .. | 233 |
| February .. | 36 | November .. | 219 |
| March .. .. | 8 | December (up to 2nd December 1947) .. | 14 |
| April .. .. | 9 | | |
| May .. .. | 29 | | |

(1947—*cont.* in the right-hand columns)

"(*c*) No. There is no provision in the Act for such a procedure.

"(*d*) Yes.

"(*e*) The reason is due to the fact that a specific provision was made in the new Rent Control Act for eviction of tenants for being in arrears of rent which is not tendered in due time under the Act.

"(*f*) Yes. The Government propose to make provisions in the Rent Control Act making it obligatory on the landlord to give the tenant a registered notice of default of payment and also for deposit of rent in the Office of the Rent Controller."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are Government aware that a good number of tenants are paying illegally increased rents rather than face a legal eviction? "

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THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" I think, Sir, tenants have to take moral courage into their hearts and enforce their rights."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know when the amended Bill is expected before the House? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" The Bill has already been drafted and awaits approval of the Committee; after approval, it will be introduced."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Before the Bill is introduced, would Government consider the desirability of including a provision in it to give an opportunity to the tenant and the landlord to come to an agreement before the Rent Controller, as was being done when the House Control Order was in force? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" To bring them together every time would be rather difficult."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" But that provision was working satisfactorily under the House Rent Control Order. If the Hon. Minister has got statistics of cases under the Order, before the Act was passed, he would see how many cases were settled; it is a very healthy provision conducive to better relations between the landlord and tenant."

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" I will go in detail into the procedure adopted according to the information furnished by the hon. Member in olden times and see if that can be done."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Now that the Government have admitted that evictions have been abnormal for the year 1947, could the Government consider the desirability of introducing a provision to review eviction which has been ordered for the past one year by the Rent Controller? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" There is a provision in the amending Bill by which a certain retrospective period is fixed for revision to the High Court? "

*Grant of cultivable land in the Vizagapatam district.*

* 7 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of uncultivated land fit for cultivation in the Vizagapatam district;

(b) whether there is any proposal to grant such lands to Harijan agricultural labourers; and

(c) whether steps are being taken in that direction?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (a) to (c) The Government have no information but have called for a report."